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Title: Corrosion Seal for Threaded Connections

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 14, 2001, Applicants wish to amend as follows.

Clean Version of Amended Page 9, line 11

Figure 1 illustrates a conventional threaded and coupled connection of the present invention, indicated generally at 10. The connection 10 includes a coupling indicated generally at 12 secured at its free ends to the free pin end of pins 13 and 14 formed at the ends of adjoined pipe segments 15 and 16, respectively. The threaded and coupled connection 10 is comprised of separate threaded connections formed at each end of the coupling 12. The coupling 12 provides a box end 17 that cooperates with the pin 13 to provide a first pin and box connection. Similarly, a box 18 at the opposite end of the coupling 12 cooperates with the pin 14 to provide a second pin and box connection.